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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Commins, Leek, Gregg, Colonias, Linn/Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc.

Application No.: 08 / 975,940 Group No.: 3635

Filed: November 21, 1997 Examiner: Kent, C.

For: BUILDING WALL FOR RESISTING LATERAL FORCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A statement:
 is attached.
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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 380.00	\$ 190.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 870.00	\$ 435.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 680.00

Fee: \$ 870.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 870.00

OR

- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE OR RATE ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL • 49	MINUS " 37	= 12	x\$9 = \$	x\$18 = \$ 216.00
INDEP. • 9	MINUS *** 3	= 6	x\$39 = \$	x\$78 = \$ 468.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$130 = \$	+ \$260 = \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	OR TOTAL \$ 684.00 ADDIT. FEE \$

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ 684.00.

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 1,554.00, C.R. # 5092.
- Charge Account No. _____ the sum
of \$ _____.

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No.
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AND/OR

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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT
FOR APPROVAL BY EXAMINER (37 C.F.R. 1.123)

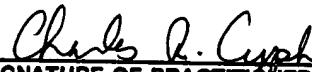


Attached please find

(check applicable items)

- a sketch in permanent ink,
 a copy of the original drawing(s) with red ink markings,

showing the proposed changes to the drawing(s) in this application, for which the approval of the Examiner is requested.


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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(3)(ii) indicates that "Where a change to the drawings is desired, a sketch in permanent ink showing proposed changes in red, to become part of the record, must be filed for approval by the examiner and should be in a separate paper."

NOTE: While drawings submitted under §§ 1.81, 1.83-1.85, 1.152, 1.165, 1.174, and 1.437 may not be filed by facsimile, proposed drawing corrections for approval may be submitted by facsimile transmission. Notice of Oct. 13, 1993, 58 Fed. Reg. 54,494-54,504, at 54,495.

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